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A THANKSGIVING VACATION FOR CALPEEK

We'll be off next week for Thanksgiving, but will resume work on Nov. 27th for CALPEEK's final issue of the year, which will be mailed on Nov. 30th (and dated Dec. 4th). Here's wishing all CALPEEK readers a very happy Thanksgiving Holiday.



15th C.D. UPDATE: DEMOS GOING ALL OUT TO STOP CAMPBELL IN A SPECIAL WITH NATIONAL IMPACT.

Editor's note: Make no mistake, both Republicans and Democrats at the national level view the upcoming Dec. 12th special to replace retired Congressman Norm Mineta (D-San Jose) as a top priority, with U.S. bragging rights at stake. Here's our update & analysis...

...Most political observers agree that the just-concluded round of State and local elections was encouraging news for the Demos --- in that they not only stopped the hemorrhaging, but won a few critical races. Now the focus of national attention will turn to Calif.'s 15th C.D. in Santa Clara County. That's why VP Al Gore and House Demo Leader Richard Gephardt have both made trips to the San Jose area in recent weeks...

...And here the DCCC and their candidate, former San Jose Councilman Jerry Estruth, is on the attack against popular State Sen. Tom Campbell (R-Palo Alto). Estruth's media team of Trippi, McMahon & Squier has produced 4 solid ads. Two of the 4 spots take aim at GOP House Speaker Newt Gingrich. The polling by Fairbank, Maslin, Maulin shows that Gingrich and many of his policy positions are NOT popular in the 15th C.D., which is why one of the attack ads notes that while they served together in the House, Campbell voted with Gingrich 76% of the time. It's a

good hit and there is some indication that Campbell is trying hard to put some distance between himself and Speaker Gingrich. Linkage is the key to Demo success. If they can tie Campbell to Gingrich, Estruth has a shot. FYI: The DCCC also has it's own separate TV spot attacking the GOP on Medicare...

...But Demo polling still shows Campbell ahead. The survey results run from a lead as low as 6% to a 12-15% lead. Our guess: Campbell ahead by 9-11%...

...Originally, Campbell's battle plan called for direct mail only, but with the Demos hitting so hard on TV, Campbell was forced to do the same. Russo, Marsh + Raper are now doing TV for Campbell. Stay tuned...

CARD CLUB MADNESS: THE TOMAHAWK CHOP.

Editor's note: In the ongoing discussions about a State-wide initiative to permit casino gaming in Calif., keep your eyes on the various Indian tribes which operate card clubs in many locations throughout Calif.. The Indians are key players. Here's our report & analysis...

...Where do CA's many Indian tribes get their clout?? In 1987, the U.S. Supreme Court held that States could NOT regulate gaming on Indian lands. As a result, in 1988 (with a push from former CA Demo Congressman Tony Coelho of Modesto), Congress passed the Indian Gaming Regulation Act (IGRA). And IGRA established a Nat'l Indian Gaming Commission (within the U.S. Dept. of Interior). NIGC is modeled after NV's gaming commission, with strong powers to regulate gaming on Indian lands...

...Despite this law, various States and Indian tribes have had numerous court battles. The battles usually center on Class II (card clubs) vs. Class III (casinos) gaming and the duties of the States to negotiate agreements with the tribes...

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...Two legal cases to watch: 1) before the U.S. Supreme Court - Seminole Indians vs. Florida (to force Gov. Lawton Childs to negotiate a compact with the tribe); and 2) before the CA Supreme Court - race tracks vs. the CA Lottery (over the issue of the lottery's video KENO game - which is considered Class III gaming). CA's Indian tribes are watching both cases very closely. In the CA case, the Indians want the CA Lottery to win --- so that they too can legally provide KENO and other Class III video/slot machine games. And if the U.S. Supreme Court rules for the Seminole Indians, it puts Gov. Pete Wilson and AG Dan Lungren in a tough spot, because they have refused to negotiate with the Indians. The Indians want to scalp both...

...Is there a solution for CA without casino styled gaming? Sources suggest that the Indian tribes, race tracks and larger card clubs should sign a revenue sharing agreement. One vehicle to accomplish this might be SCA 3 by Sen. Ken Maddy(R-Fresno), who is said to be on good terms with all the parties...

...In terms of political clout, the Mi-Wuk Indian tribe of Calaveras County recently waded into the card club controversy in Stockton. The city council amended their existing card club law to let the Delta Park Casino into town (with the existing 5 small card clubs), but the Mi-Wuks hired American Petition Management and together with local church groups, they gathered 14,288 signatures (9,575 needed) to force a referendum. If the signatures are verified, the council must either rescind its law or call an election on Mar. 26th...

...FYI: The next card club election will take place Nov. 21st in Hawaiian Gardens. Voters in Azusa, Colton, Perris and Pacifica (San Mateo Co.) vote on card club proposals Dec. 12th. Voters in Lynwood (L.A. Co.) go to the polls Dec. 19th. Stay tuned...

WANT TO BE A CITY COMMISSIONER OR BOARD MEMBER? WIPA TELLS HOW TO GET APPOINTED.

Women In Public Affairs(WIPA) will host a panel discussion on "How to find a seat on an L.A. City or County Commission or Board." 11:30 a.m. reception, 12 noon luncheon, Nov. 29, Inter-Continental Hotel, L.A. Panelists are Christine Essel, L.A. City CRA commissioner; Carol Krechman of the L.A. Co. Natural History Museum; and Margo Kair-off, moderator. For info ☎ (310)496-2257...

CALIF. ASSEMBLY PRIMARIES: CALPEEK's TOP 20.
Editor's note: With Nov. 20-29 as the period for candidates to file Declarations of Intent, here is CALPEEK's preview of what we call the ***Top 20 Primary*** battles in the CA State Assembly. We selected primaries based on what impact the winners would have in the Nov. 5, 1996, general election. So here's our first Assembly preview...

...CALPEEK has divided the 20 primaries into 4 categories: 1) *Open Seat War Zones*; 2) *Incumbents Under Siege*; 3) *Incumbents Watching the Other Party's Primary (nervously)*; and 4) *The Incumbent Watch List*...

...Most sources agree that the key to control for either side are the OPEN seats and perhaps 2-4 districts now held by incumbents. Republicans hold a 41-39 majority of the Demos...

● ***Open Seat War Zone*** - The districts under siege include the 43rd (Rogan), 27th (McPherson) and 56th (Hawkins) on the GOP side. On the Demo side, seats under siege include the 21st (Sher), 22nd (Vasconcellos), 26th (Cannella), 78th (Alpert) & 1st (Hauser)...

...In the 78th A.D., Republicans seem to have a stronger field than the Demos, with former Assemblywoman Tricia Hunter vs. former San Diego Councilmen Scott Harvey and Bruce Henderson. Demos have a pair of unknowns in Phyllis Krans and Dr. Lou Mone. In the 56th A.D., we could find no GOPers at all. On the Demo side, there is ABC Unified School Bd. member Sally Morales Havice vs. Frank Vicencia Jr....

● ***Incumbent(s) Under Siege*** - The only incumbent we think might have a serious challenge within his own party is Bill Hoge(R-Pasadena), who on 11/14 dropped out of the 21st S.D. primary and declared for reelection. He's had lots of bad press and so far only 1 of 5 GOPers who had been looking has dropped out (Warren Jacob). No word yet from Wilbert Smith; James Edwards; Fred Soldwedel; or David Thornton. Our sources think Edwards may stay - ditto Smith...

● ***Incumbents Watching the Other Party's Primary (nervously)***. The districts we've IDed include the 28th (Frusetta) on the GOP side and the 53rd (Bowen) and 76th (Davis) on the Demo side...

...In the 53rd, Demo Assemblywoman Debra Bowen could have a very tough race. There are 3 GOPers who want her job: Torrance Councilman Dan Walker (who is also looking seriously at the 36th C.D.); Redondo Beach Councilman Greg Hill; and GOP controller candidate John Morris --- a 90210 transplant. That's Beverly Hills for the uninformed. Any of these GOPers would give Bowen a tough fight...

● **The Incumbent Watch List** - We have IDed one Demo (Mike Machado - 17th A.D.) and 8 freshmen GOPers to keep an eye on, both for the primary and general. The 8 GOPers include the 24th A.D. (Cunneen), 25th A.D. (House), 35th A.D. (Firestone), 69th A.D. (Morrissey), 80th A.D. (Battin), 54th A.D. (Kuykendall) and even the 30th A.D. (Assembly Speaker Brian Setencich). All of these Republicans either won OPEN seats previous occupied by Demos or knocked off Demo incumbents...

...FYI: Although it's not on our top 20 list, former Assemblyman Tom McClintock(R) is running for the OPEN 38th A.D. (Boland). McClintock's entry does *serious damage* to the remaining field of GOP candidates, including Boland COS Scott Wilk and business exec. Ross Hopkins, the two frontrunners before McClintock jumped in. OUT of the race is Sanford Winger, who endorsed Hopkins. Stay tuned...

67th A.D. RECALL UPDATE: THE LEGAL BATTLE HEATS UP. TILLOTSON GOES AFTER BAUGH.

Editor's note: The Nov. 28th recall election of GOP Assemblywoman Doris Allen of Cypress is a week away, but getting hotter by the second. Here's our update and analysis...

...Legal stuff first. The efforts of the Orange Co. Demo Party to get depositions from Mr. & Mrs. Campbell, GOP Assembly Leader Curt Pringle and Allen Recall campaign mgr. Jeff Flint have hit a *legal brick wall* for the time being. Legal counsel for these folks are trying to get the depositions "stayed" until Dec. 22nd --- well after the Nov. 28th recall election. Will this tactic succeed? Perhaps, but from a PR standpoint this *hide & seek* legal game *isn't good* for Pringle or for his hand-picked candidate, 34-year-old attorney Scott Baugh. Sources say if Pringle & Flint are not involved, then they should give their statements and be done with it...

vative, pro-Life Demo Laurie Campbell was tossed off the ballot when it was discovered that she was not the true circulator of her nominating petitions. Demos suggest that Campbell was a **GOP plant** --- to drain votes from ex Huntington Beach Mayor Linda Moulton Patterson(D). Why would some GOPers even dream of such a scheme? They're very worried that a 4-way, split GOP vote could swing the election to Patterson. Demos want to find out who was really behind Campbell's candidacy. So does the Orange Co. DA's office...

...Now to politics. The Patterson campaign has now sent out two mailers and more are on the way. One of the mailers was an AV application -- so the Demos are trying to play catch-up in the absentee voter game. And they're working on a GOTV plan as well. Can the Demos pull an upset? Several sources say YES, including at least one well known GOP polling expert...

...On the GOP side, sources say co-frontrunner Haydee Tillotson has written a large check to her consultants, McNally-Temple. Her instructions are similar to orders issued by Adm. Bill Halsey to the U.S. Navy during the battle for Guadalcanal: **Attack. Repeat. Attack.** Two hit pieces have been aimed at the other frontrunner, Scott Baugh, who has been endorsed by members of O.C.'s **GOP Junta**. Baugh has countered. More hits are on the way from both sides. *Baugh humbug*...

...FYI: Although many sources says Doris Allen is toast, CALPEEK has yet to see one poll with such data. If what everyone says is true, wouldn't Allen's opponents want to make this data public? Or perhaps the recall is closer than Allen's opponents care to admit. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK'S '95 DIRECTORY OF CAMPAIGN CONSULTANTS

The new 1995-96 (5th edition) of CALPEEK's Directory of Campaign Consultants is now on sale. Checks and VISA/Mastercard only - **no invoicing**. Cost for CALPEEK subscribers is \$15. For non-subscribers: \$50. Make checks payable to CALPEEK or Calif. Political Week and send with your name & address to: P.O. Box 1468, Beverly Hills, CA 90213. You can **FAX** a credit card payment to (310)657-4340...

...For those who haven't kept up with this case, conser-

COUNCILWOMAN CHICK TALKS ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

L.A. Councilwoman Laura Chick, chair of the city council's public safety committee, will be the featured speaker when the L.A. Current Affairs Forum hosts its Dec. 4th luncheon, 11:30 a.m. reception, 12 noon lunch, Hyatt Regency Hotel, L.A. For info & RSVPS, ☎ Emma Schafer (310)445-8862...

BOARD OF SUPES RACES: WHO'S IN & WHO'S OUT.

Editor's note: Here is our 5th update on 1996 County Board of Supervisors races. This week we focus on L.A. County...

...Years ago, politicians would give just about anything to win a seat on the L.A. Co. Board of Supes. Today, the question one has to ask is this: *Who in their right mind would want this job??* With the massive fiscal problems in L.A. County, primarily caused by the supes themselves, you'd think that the two incumbents seeking reelection, Supes. Yvonne Burke and Mike Antonovich, would have some serious competition. *They don't*. Both have large campaign war chests and so it seems doubtful that either will face a serious challenge next March unless a candidate with deep pockets comes along. So far, no takers...

...As for L.A. Co. Sup. Deane Dana, he had a close call in 1992 and decided it was time to hang it up. Running for Dana's 4th District job are Long Beach Vice Mayor Doug Drummond, Dana's top deputy/former Cerritos Councilman Don Knabe, and former Rancho Palos Verdes Councilwoman Gordana Swanson, who forced Dana into a bitter runoff election 4 years ago...

...Most insiders see Knabe as the frontrunner, based on his campaign war chest, not name ID. Among district voters, Swanson and Drummond probably have much better name ID. As for money, Knabe just went over the \$1 million mark in funds raised. In the all important ***cash on hand***, Knabe is at \$407,732; Swanson is at \$151,764; and Drummond is at \$29,151 (as of the 9/30 campaign reporting period). And while Knabe is viewed by many with *incumbent* status because of his long association with Dana, that could hurt as well as help...

...If there's a runoff, as many think will happen, who's odd candidate OUT? Most say Knabe will finish 1st, based on money & campaign organization. Despite his funding problems, will Drummond's base in Long

Beach get him into a runoff? Or does Swanson's residual name ID pull her into a November '96 runoff? Our sources give an edge to Swanson. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK's INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

◆ **Brown Has Big Lead Over Jordan** - According to a new poll sponsored by the S.F. Chronicle and KRON-TV, former Assembly Speaker Willie Brown has a 25 pt. lead over incumbent S.F. Mayor Frank Jordan among *likely voters*. Brown gets 57% to Jordan's 32%, with 11% undecided. The poll was conducted by Mark Baldassare & Assoc., Nov. 8 & 9, telephone survey of 600 S.F. voters. Margin of error is +/- 5.5%. The runoff is Dec. 12th...

◆ **Tort Wars** - Sources say that petitions for a Nov. '96 initiative aimed at blunting 1 of 3 tort reform measures on the March '96 ballot have been submitted to county registrars for verification. And sources believe that a second, more powerful initiative by the consumer attorneys (with the drafting aid of attorney Bill Lerach - known in the biz as "The King of Strike Suits") may be ready for circulation in about 2 weeks. This newest initiative is called "The Retirement Savings & Consumer Protection Act." Calif.'s business community calls it a ***disaster*** and that's why Calif. Chamber President Kirk West and Assn. for Calif. Tort Reform President John Sullivan have begun setting up a campaign to defeat this measure should it qualify...

◆ **Quote of the Month** - Repeated on CNN's Reliable Sources, a quote from CBS-TV News anchor Dan Rather, about all the political pundits who predicted that Colin Powell would run for president: "He who lives by the crystal ball, eats glass."...

◆ **CA Justice Arabian to Retire** - Gov. Pete Wilson will now have two vacancies on the CA Supreme Court with the official announcement that Justice Armand Arabian will leave the State's high court on Feb. 29. CA's Chief Justice, Malcolm Lucas, recently announced that he too would step down next year. Arabian has been on the court since 1990...